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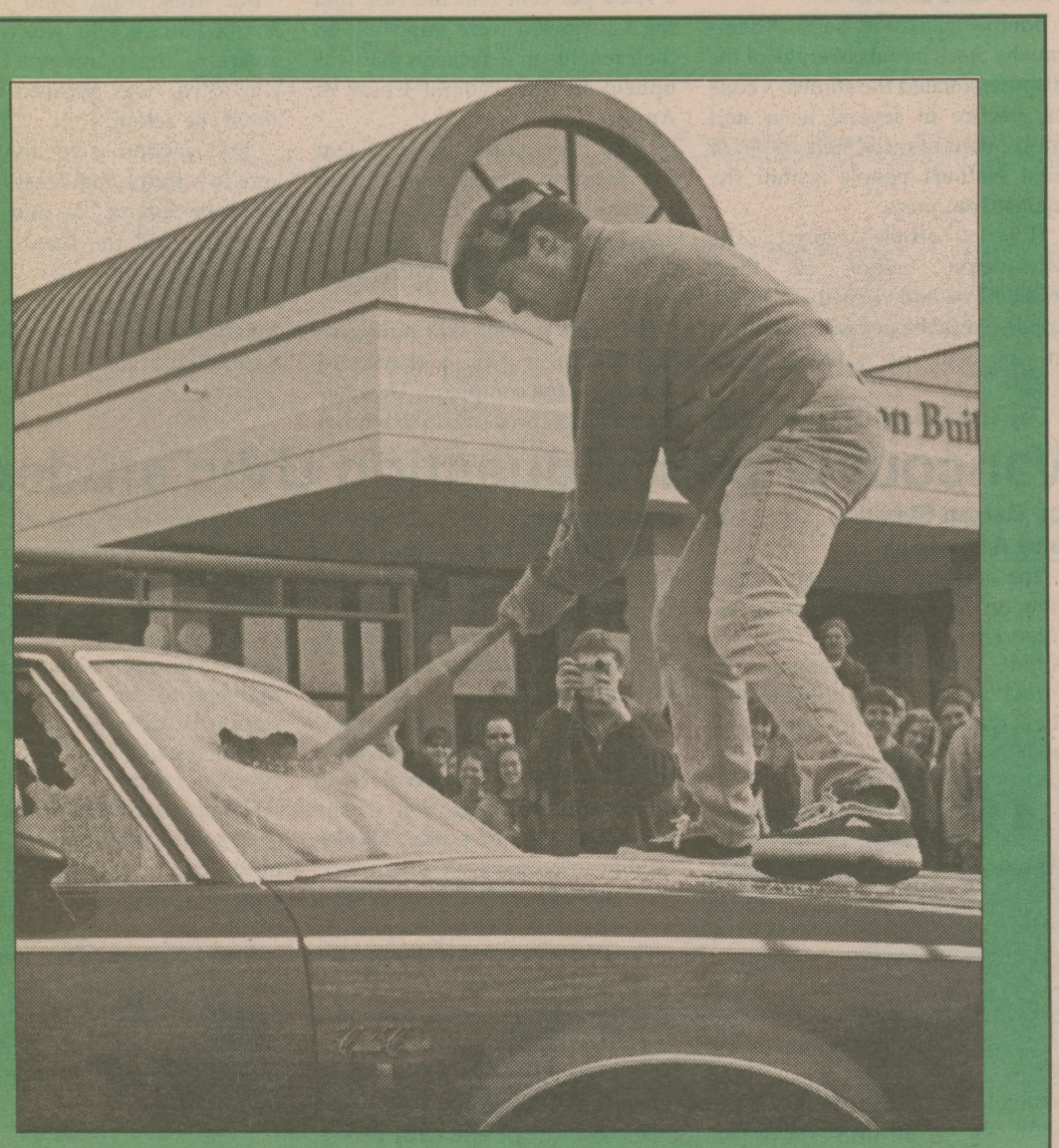

The Society of Automotive Engineering held a car smash auction outside the SUB last week to raise funds for Baja 2000. The society plans to build a Baja buggy to race in California in 2000. UVic student Rob Artbise won the honours of smashing the windshield with a high bid of $37.

Martlet photo by Darren Stewart

Military fields violent action against war

by Mary Vallis

Victoria's local military is feeling the heat for Canada's involvement in the NATO bombings in Yugoslavia—two pieces of military property were destroyed Sunday in what appears to be action against the war.

A target shack at Heales Range on West Saanich Road was burned to the ground Sunday night, and cables to one military radio tower were cut at Canadian Forces Base Albert Head.

An anonymous tip called in to *the Martlet* led staff to a typed confession hidden within UVic's McPherson Library. The one-page letter, which was inserted into a book in a deserted corner on the building's top floor, says the acts were done "to protest Canada's involvement in the imperialist activities of NATO and to hopefully exert enough pressure on the Canadian government to repeal it's [sic] violent foreign policy."

"We are simply attacking structures that cost money. Our government is attacking people which is costing lives."

Sgt. Ted Swenson with the Department of National Defence confirmed that the fire was an act of arson but would not give any information as an active police investigation is underway.

The fire was called in to the military police at 2:15 a.m. Sunday night. Saanich fire crews also responded to the blaze, which Swenson said resulted in approximately $7,000 in damages.

The military police were not aware of the cut wires on the radio tower at Albert Head until they received a call from *the Martlet* in relation to the incident. A quick check of the tower confirmed that the information in the anonymous letter was true.

"Those towers are worth millions of dollars," said Swenson.

The letter says the action was not meant to be violent; instead, it was designed to protest the war in a way that would affect the federal government financially.

"We are simply attacking structures that cost money," reads the letter. "Our government is attacking people which is costing lives."

The letter also calls for an end to both Serbian and Western imperialism and goes on to say that "the governments of the world have agendas of their own which are isolated from the wishes of the people whom they rule...We don't know what the agenda's [sic] of governments are, but we know that they're not ours and not acting in our interest."

Council moves closer to anti-panhandling bylaw

by Sarah Leipciger

Victoria's homeless people are one step closer to losing their right to panhandle on downtown streets.

City council approved in principle a proposed anti-panhandling bylaw on March 25, which means panhandling in specified downtown areas could become punishable by law.

Councillor Bob Friedland said city council has passed on an outline of the proposal to the city solicitor and expects the proposal to come back as an official bylaw within a few weeks.

The bylaw will make rules that are currently voluntary under the Victoria Code of Conduct, such as not panhandling near bank machines or financial institutions, punishable by law.

So far, the council has only put forward suggestions as to how the bylaw could be enforced or what the punishments might be.

Victoria police Chief Doug Richardson says the bylaw is going to be difficult to enforce.

"It's hoped that if people are found disobeying, officers will first explain to them that they're in contravention of the bylaw," he said, adding that people will only be punished for "blatant and continuous violations."

Both city police and district bylaw enforcement officers would enforce the bylaw, and punishments could include labour training, city court or counselling, Richardson said. But that would take resources that the city doesn't have right now, he said.

Those who oppose the bylaw were angry and surprised by city council's decision.

Rose Henry of the Victoria Street Community Association said she was shocked to hear the bylaw was approved.

"I personally don't think panhandlers should be punished," she said. "They already feel the impact of low self-esteem that goes with poverty."

The bylaw was approved the morning after it was discussed in a public forum, sponsored by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, where most of the 300 people who attended made it clear to Mayor Bob Cross that they were against such a ruling.

Friedland, who feels that council should be concentrating on what causes poverty rather than on punishing the poor, is also opposed to the bylaw.

"People need housing and education and work," he said. "My sense is that the majority of council want to give police another broom to sweep people off the streets."

Glen Terrell, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, was not available for comment.

Body found on Mt. Doug

by Darren Stewart

Police found a body on Mt. Doug Tuesday and say they already have an idea of the identity of the man. At press time, police were still checking dental records and autopsy reports to confirm the identity of the body before releasing any details.

According to Peter Lane of the Saanich Police, a hiker called the police after finding some personal effects about 100 metres off a trail on the east side of t Mt. Doug. A police canine unit searched the area and found the remains of an adult male.

This could solve the mysterious disappearance of UVic student Stephen McLaughlin who disappeared earlier this year without a trace. He was last seen on campus on Dec. 22.

McLaughin's family hired a private investigator, but the additional search did not lead to any extra knowledge of the man's whereabouts.

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Moths beware

by Pam Graham

If you see planes spewing caustic clouds above your house this week, you may want to take cover in your home and close the windows—depending on who you talk to.

Gypsy moth spraying begins today, and it will continue until June 30.

The moth is a threat to Garry oaks and other trees and eats the leaves of fruit trees, blueberries and hazelnuts. The Ministry of Forests says that trees will be stripped of their leaves in mid-summer if the gypsy moth is allowed to munch freely.

According to the ministry, the most effective ways to rid our forests of gypsy moth infestations are aerial spraying of an insecticide called Foray 48B, with the active ingredient Btk, and mass trapping, a process which uses a synthetic pheromone to attract male moths.

But Katy Young, a member of the Ecological Health Alliance, a group whose focus is human health in relation to the environment, says the spraying must be stopped. She says there is a real health threat to people in the aerial application areas.

"The spray proponents are down-playing the risks of pesticides to human health," said Young. "In 1998 the Environmental Appeal Board ruled against spraying because the risk outweighed the proposed benefits."

Young says that following past aerial applications of Foray 48B there were multiple reports of infection from sprayed communities.

"We have documented evidence of Btk infecting a human eye and we are also aware of a case of fatal bovine mastitis," said Young. She added that other health effects associated with Foray 48B exposure include allergies, hives, anaphylaxism, breathing difficulties and asthma, severe flu, skin rashes, headaches, bleeding nose, behavioral problems and seizures.

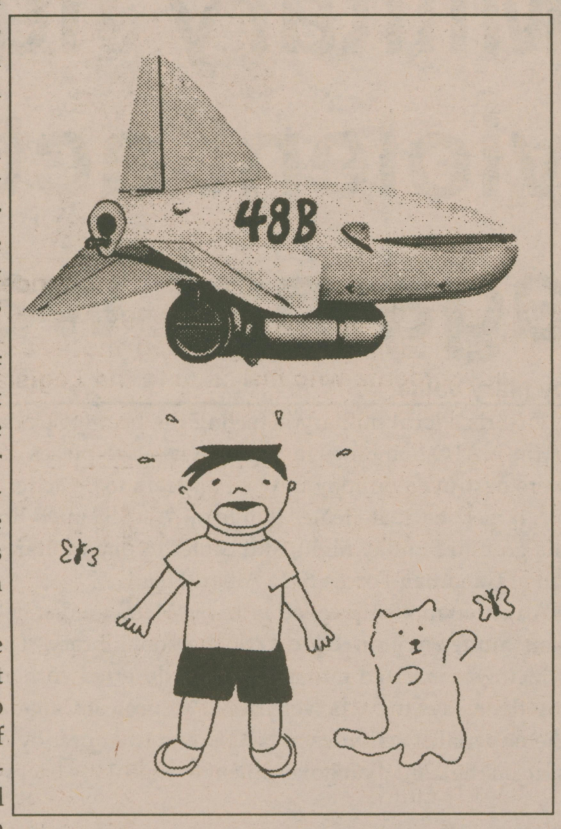
The aerial spraying will cost $2.5 million dollars this year and will need to be done again next year, according to Young.

Young pointed out that there are viable alternatives to spraying chemicals into the air that work well.

Last year the community worked with the government on a volunteer basis successfully implementing a mass trapping program removing hundreds of moths.

"Spray proponents have taken those moth removal figures and misrepresented them as monitoring figures," said Young. "They used [the figures] to make it appear as though the population had grown and convinced the politicians to by-pass the appeal board in 1999 and implement an aerial spray opponent this spring."

Forest Minister David Zirnhelt says Southern Vancouver Island forest products industries and other businesses are seriously threatened by the gypsy moth.



He says that they have been advised by specialists from the provincial and federal governments including the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Canadian Forest Service and universities that aerial application of Btk in these areas is the most effective and efficient way to treat the gypsy moth problem.

In total, 12,203 hectares in Greater Victoria will be sprayed with the insecticide. There will be three applications 10 days apart while 84.5 hectares will be treated with a mass trapping program.

Young encourages people who oppose the aerial spraying to contact Premier Glen Clark, Minister of Forests David Zirnhelt, Minister of Public Affairs Moe Sihota, Minister of Health Penny Priddy and Minister of Environment Lands and Parks Cathy McGregor.

UVic law students make complaints to B.C. Press Council

by Mary Vallis

Two UVic law students have launched an independent complaint to the B.C. Press Council about the *Vancouver Sun*'s coverage of the Musqueam Indian Band's lease dispute.

Bonnie Day and Alisia Adams say the *Sun's* initial coverage of the dispute violated the council's code of practice in several ways and contributed to racial stereotypes of First Nations people within the mainstream press.

"Every article about the Musqueam refers to their Indianness...and virtually all of the articles could be pejorative to them in one way or another," said Adams.

Day and Adams also say the *Sun* published quotes from non-aboriginal tenants involved in the dispute that were "rife with inaccuracies."

One of their main complaints is that the *Sun* repeatedly referred to a 7,366 per cent rent increase that the Musqueam were imposing on their tenants in a decision that was upheld by the Federal Court of Appeal.

"This degenerates the fact that the increase was based on an amount that was far below market value [for 30 years]," said Day. "It makes it seem like an outrageous effect."

The press council will now give the *Vancouver Sun* a chance to respond to the complaint. The matter may then proceed on to a hearing.

Patricia Graham, the *Vancouver Sun*'s senior news editor, refused to comment on the complaint because she was not aware of it before it was filed.

But Musqueam band manager Archie Patrick, who was not made aware of the complaint before it was filed, was pleased to hear about the action.

"My reaction is to invite them here to a traditional feast that predates the Sphinx," he said.

Patrick said the band had discussed filing their own complaint about the coverage but later abandoned the idea when the story died down.

Vancouver police question UVic students

by Darren Stewart and Anna Roik

The internal investigation section of the Vancouver police are interviewing witnesses from the night's protests in response to formal complaints of police brutality at the December's Hyatt Riot—and those witnesses include four UVic students.

According to Anne Drennan, media liaison officer for the Vancouver police, the investigation is a standard response to protesters' complaints of excessive use of force by police that night—an investigation is routine when police receive formal complaints.

A complaint reported by a passenger on the 3 p.m. B.C. Ferry sailing to Vancouver on Dec. 8, the night of the protest, is being looked into as part of the investigation. The passenger reported a group of people seen near a rented UVic van talking about what to do if violence erupted, and what to do in the face of being arrested.

The rally, held outside the Hyatt Regency Hotel, attracted several hundred protesters. Inside the hotel, prime minister Jean Chretien was addressing members of the Liberal party at a $400-a-plate fundraiser.

The UVSS rented four vans from the university and took approximately 30 UVic students to the protest, which took an ugly turn when Vancouver police officers in riot gear used wooden truncheons on the crowd.

The police filed a Freedom of Information Act requesting the vehicle rental forms from UVic in order to find out who was driving the vans that carried students to the demonstration.

The four drivers were interviewed this week by Detective Dave Sweeny, who is involved in the internal investigation of the complaints against police. The 10-minute interviews were conducted separately, and all interviewees were asked the same questions.

The UVSS ensured its lawyer sat in on the interviews.

"Everyone who went over was primarily concerned with non-violent, peaceful rights to assembly and to demonstrate," said Rob Fleming, who drove one of the vans.

Police were not interested in interviewing the rest of the students who went over that day

"They didn't want to talk to all those people. They were hoping to get all the information they needed from us," said Summer McFadyen, another driver who was interviewed.

The police asked the drivers to recount a chronology of events that day, the mood of the crowd, where they were standing when the riot police started clubbing people and whether or not they were surprised that riot police were present that night.

Sweeny only asked about the events at the Hyatt and wasn't concerned about what happened later that night when protesters marched to the Vancouver police station to demand the release of protesters who were apprehended from the Hyatt.

Fleming is confident the investigators were taking the police-brutality complaints seriously and weren't going to go down that road.

But McFadyen, a bit more skeptical, suggested that the questions Sweeny asked were left open-ended in hopes of finding reason to justify the police's action in her answers.

"They weren't here to do us any favours, and they weren't here to do the protesters any favours," said McFadyen. "They had a mandate to get the full story, and they had a vested interest in justifying the police action."

According to Drennan there's no timeline for internal investigations and the details are not available to the public.

"There's also an investigation going the other way looking at the conduct of individuals that night," said Drennan.

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B.C. tuition in the deep-freeze for another year

by Anna Roik

In a hastily organized press conference at UVic last Friday, Advanced Education Minister Andrew Petter announced the provincial tuition freeze at post-secondary institutions will be extended for a fourth year.

"We must continue to expand access for what has essentially become basic education in today's society," said Petter. "Students must be able to get ahead without having their education become a debt sentence."

Premier Glen Clark announced the freeze at New Westminster's Douglas College simultaneously. A two-per-cent increase to education funding was also announced with in this year's provincial budget.

Students in British Columbia have enjoyed a tuition freeze since 1996 while students in the rest of the country have not been as fortunate.

The average undergraduate tuition at B.C. universities will remain at $2,280 in 1999-2000, while undergraduate students in Ontario will be facing increases to their 1998-1999 average of $3,490.

Rob Fleming, chair of the UVic Students' Society, applauded the announcement, saying he wants B.C.'s tuition freeze to provide hope for other students in Canada in their fight to maintain fees at a reasonable level.

Fleming was also pleased the announcement contained no mention of charging differential fees for out-of-province students—instead, the freeze will apply to Canadian students coming to B.C. to study from any province.

"It is important to preserve the entitlement of Canadian citizenship no matter what province we choose to live or study in," said Fleming.

B.C. Canadian Federation of Students Chairperson Maura Parte echoed Fleming's sentiments. She said CFS members made it clear to Petter on a recent campus speaking tour they are strongly opposed to differential fees.

But Petter wouldn't completely rule out the possility of introducing higher fees for non-B.C. students in the future.

"If it comes to a choice of keeping tuition down for students in B.C. or having to introduce a differential, we may not have a choice but to bring in differential fees, but we aren't at that point yet," he said.

And while the provincial CFS is satisfied with the extension of the tuition freeze, Parte said they are adamant the provincial government should go a step further and make a commitment to reduce fees. That's the basis of their latest campaign.

"The goal of the Access 2000 campaign [launched earlier this year] is to pressure the federal and provincial governments to increase the overall accessibility and availability of education through increased public funding and decreased tuition fees," said Parte.

In an interview with *the Martlet*, Petter stated the province would like to see tuition fees reduced, but, like everything else, it is a matter of resources.

"It's been a Herculean effort to maintain the freeze with the decreases in federal money and pressure from other provinces raising tuitions yearly," he said.

Parte, however, is looking for action rather than excuses.

"I wouldn't rule out demonstrations or occupations if significant changes to education funding aren't seen in the next year," she said.

Andrew Petter made the freeze announcement to a small crowd in the SUB upper lounge last Friday. Last year, Premier Glen Clark announced the freeze's extension to 2,000 students who marched to the Legislature.

Martlet photo by Peter Booth

Bill Gates, dressed as the Messiah, was led from the stage after accepting his corporate piggy award at the Roxy on March 28. "Gates," along with other corporate gurus, was recognized for his gluttonous business practices.

Martlet photo by Mary Vallis

UVic students challenge university's investments

by Mary Vallis

An informal group of UVic students is taking action to make the university more socially responsible in its investments—starting with a petition to pull the school's support out of clearcut logging.

Political science student Tim Harvey is helping to organize a petition on campus this week to encourage the university to divest $150,000 worth of holdings in West Fraser Timber—a company clearcutting B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest, one of the last ancient rainforests in the world.

"[The company is] destroying the Great Bear Rainforest," said Harvey. "And it's so rare in the world to have a continuous track of pristine forest like this."

UVic holds 5,000 shares in West Fraser as part of an $81-million staff pension plan. According to Bob Worth, the university's executive director of financial services, that means the university had $150,000 invested in the company last December through its investment portfolio.

According to a university policy, UVic's finance committee will review investments when the community documents its social concern and gathers a petition with at least 100 names of university community members opposed to the holding.

Chris Genovali, a Victoria member of the Rainforest Conservation Society, said he is seeing a groundswell of opposition to UVic's holdings in West Fraser.

"[Students] are appalled to know the university is investing in a company that is cutting the last ancient temperate rainforest on the planet," said Genovali.

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Greenpeace is also crusading for a moratorium on logging in the untouched valleys on the north coast because they are part of grizzly bear habitat, and many contain endangered salmon habitat. The environmental organization has 50 scientists backing its moratorium campaign.

The Great Bear Rainforest stretches from Knight Inlet, parallel to Vancouver Island's northern tip, north to the Alaska border. The area is not formally protected by any environmental policy, although several companies have already agreed to stop logging the central coast—but West Fraser is not among them.

West Fraser has not agreed to any part of the moratorium, but Martti Solin, West Fraser's chief financial officer, says Greenpeace's information isn't entirely accurate.

"By [their] definition, yes, we are clearcutting [in the rainforest], but by other definitions, we are not," he said.

Solin said he is very concerned that UVic's student body is urging the university to pull out its investments. "[It's] based on the wrong premises and without a full knowledge of the facts."

Harvey and an ad-hoc group of students will be collecting signatures for the petition throughout April.

For more information, call 472-7477or e-mail tjth@uvic.ca

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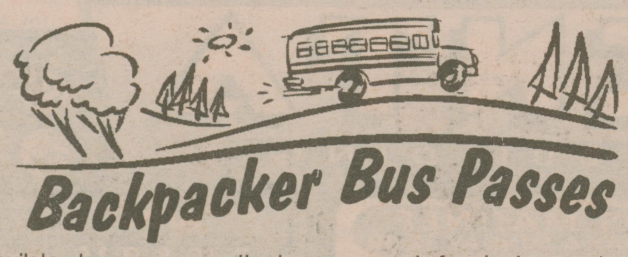

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EDITORIAL

Two views, both alike in dignity...

Truthful opinions

The international news page of Monday's *Globe and Mail* carries two photographs. One shows an Kosovo-Albanian man pushing his sleeping grandmother over the Yugoslav border into Albania. The other photo shows a Serbian woman dancing on a fallen U.S. F-117 Stealth bomber.

We are supposed to feel sympathy for the ethnic-Albanian refugee, and we do. The cutline under the photo says that 50,000 refugees were massed at the border, driven out by Yugoslav forces.

And what about the hundreds of thousands of Serbians that have been forced to leave their homes and cities, dodging U.S. F-117 Stealth bombs?

Oh ya, we forgot, they're not running, they're dancing happily on the fallen American planes.

We recognize that what Serbian leader Milosevic is doing is atrocious and inhumane, but do we all recognize the irony of bombing a country into submission until they sign a PEACE treaty? Milosevic has to be stopped, yes, but bombing thousands of innocent Serbians is not the way to do it.

For many people in Canada, the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia isn't much more than unsightly stories in the news pages and a bunch of canned videos shown on night-time broadcasts. Our opinions have been formed based on false newscasts, massive gaps in information, and the ideologies of an American government and corporate sector who have more influence in the all-mighty mass media than most people would like to think about.

Take a step away from all the commentary, all the NATO propaganda, and think about what is happening. Bombs are being dropped on human beings. Many of us are reading about this in the newspapers and then putting the papers down and going to our fridges, shaking our heads, saying oh, geez, this is bad, and then we take snacks from our fridges and sit down on our couches and think, oh goodness, this is terrible. And then that's it.

Nobody, not one of us, has any clue as to what is happening in Yugoslavia. We are being told that so and so deserves this, and such and such must be done, but it is all about as true as Bill Clinton's disclosure of his sex life.

But this truth we should care about.

Opinions about the truth

Someone once said that the first casualty of war is truth.

The truth is that Serbia has waged war against Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and now Kosovo. Another truth is that genocide or its 90's euphemism "ethnic cleansing" has taken place many times in the former Yugoslavia. It may or may not be true that limited bombing helped Serbia accept the Dayton Peace Talks but it did bring some level of peace and security for Bosnian Muslims. It is true that NATO has been threatening to bomb Serbia since last October and it is also true that many Kosovo Albanians have been slaughtered in the meantime. It is true that the Balkans have a long and complicated history and that peaceful solutions are not easy to find. It is also true that when the bodybags start coming home that public sentiments against war grow, but it is mainly true that Canadians do not support genocide and that Kosovo Albanians are suffering.

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LETTERS

Gwyneth lovers unite!

Editors,

What is up Lyndsay Sung's but?

I can't believe the foul language that the woman used to describe the Oscars and especially Gwyneth Paltrow.

How can she be so insensitve about someone. What is Ms. Sung's problem? I don't understand people who are constantly jealous of other people's good fortune. So what if she is pretty, popular and a genuinely nice person. Who's making the millions of dollars per picture anyway? Who wore the Harry Winston necklace that I could have used to buy a house with? How could you make fun of Ms. Paltrow's beautiful acceptance speech that was dedicated to her family? I didn't know that it was funny to laugh at someone who's grandfather (Buster) has stomach cancer? Or someone who's father has an illness that caused him to have an operation?

Oh yeah, why didn't you poke fun of the woman who made the short subject documentary "The Personals"? I believe she was crying up there on stage too and also dedicated her Oscar achievement to her family. So if you didn't like the Oscars why in the world did you watch it for? You could have stopped watching it the minute you got bored.

What type of journalism is that anyway? I thought journalists were supposed to be non-biased? I'm sorry, but we really didn't need to know that you were washing your underwear that evening. Was that the best you could come up with to make your article even remotely interesting?

And Ms. Sung when you said at the end of the article that you needed help, I agree.

—S. Mah

Poster campaign "white bashing"

Editors,

After seeing the anti-racism posters spread across campus and reading the offered comments on the display in the SUB, I was dismayed by the reactions of both the UVSS and the Martlet. The inaccuracies and the degree of white-bashing pointed out by the hundreds of comments penned by the university community were ignored, even demeaned, by the UVSS; the Martlet's big story was the billboard thrown into the fountain. It wasn't just the easy-to-pick on engineers who were offended; every department seemed to be.

The posters did indeed involve white-bashing, and did indeed contain a lot of incorrect or biased views. Perhaps the people involved in presenting the campaign in its form cannot see this due to their own collective "white guilt" or racial anger, or perhaps having a political agenda to adhere to prevents objective self-analysis. Still, these individuals should know that the most effective way to get people to listen is to "walk the walk if you're going to talk the talk." Shrill, angry, racist and poorly thought-out activism is not the way to get a message across. It only makes the message and the people who present it look stupid. I'm pretty sure this is not what was intended, but it happened.

The campaign did have one positive effect: people are even less likely to read the poor excuse for a student newspaper that the Martlet has become. It is unfortunate that this "student" newspaper expresses the ideas of only a tiny fraction of the students and the rest of our voices are ignored or ridiculed. Personally, I am tired of it.

—Peder Gorseth

Racism persists

Editors,

The anti-racism bulletin boards show that racism is still part of the campus and Canadian society. I write to try to share my thoughts on the issue. I am of First Nations and Scottish ancestry. I feel racism has taken on new forms and tolerance by the societal standards. It has become confused under the new 'liberal' ideas and standards about individual rights and freedoms as well as cloaked under legislation. There is the general belief that all people are "free and equal under the law" therefore there can be no racism, this is the cloak of legislation.

People perceive racism differently, people have different levels of tolerance and understanding. Their perception is from many different societal factors, education, community, family and friends. I feel in the past, which is where a number of the information the posters on the bulletin boards described policies, the standard or tolerance of racism was high (I'm imagining a high mark because the policies fall below the standards and therefore are acceptable by society) and the policies in effect did not breach any racism standards. Today our standards are lower and as we look back to the policies of the past we find they easily breach our standards of today. But we look back and with the distance, that the passage of time brings, and with new understanding and respect for the diverse peoples of the world, we can measure the racist policies.

Today we do not have the luxury of distance to view the policies of today as racist. Today there is no clear cut standards of racism as everyone has there own levels of understanding, perceptions and tolerance. In BC the aboriginal languages are in danger of becoming extinct, as is the case in the rest of indigenous languages in the world. Extinct, there will be no place in the world where that specific aboriginal language will ever exist and be spoken again. Yet the focus of issues is on the loss of biodiversity and the old growth forests in BC The churches, federal and provincial governments have in the past been responsible directly for the loss of our languages. People say but that was in the past, but today the governments are actively limiting support, and the BC government is actually stopped funding indigenous language programs in BC The assimilation policy is alive and well in Canada, it is only disguised and become more subtle today, just like other racist policies, they are hidden and most people can not see because of no fault of their own, it is our environment our society.

I am trying to share how I think the issue of racism has become, I do not mean to blame, but to show there is a need for some more work that needs to be done out there in our society.

—Curtis Rattray

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Whores, Maids & Wives

by Lyndsay Sung

A 10,000-year-old hooker crawls out of a dumpster, and here begins the performance of Simone de Boudoir.

On April 6, the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women will be hosting *Whores, Maids & Wives*, a benefit show that promises to demyth your assumptions of prostitution and the women and men who work it.

Simone de Boudoir is the stage-name of a Vancouver-based prostitute who uses humour as a political tool in her comedy sketch.

De Boudoir speaks freely and openly over the payphone, fumbling to light a cigarette in the lobby of the Granville Hotel, apologizing with smokey-throated laughter.

"I play a 10,000-year-old hooker who travels in a time machine to all these different eras," de Boudoir says. "I go from Grecian times, where women were seen as either a child-bearing wife or a prostitute with nothing in between, to a present-day hooker in the Vancouver East side, where I am going to share some stories of what happens nowadays."

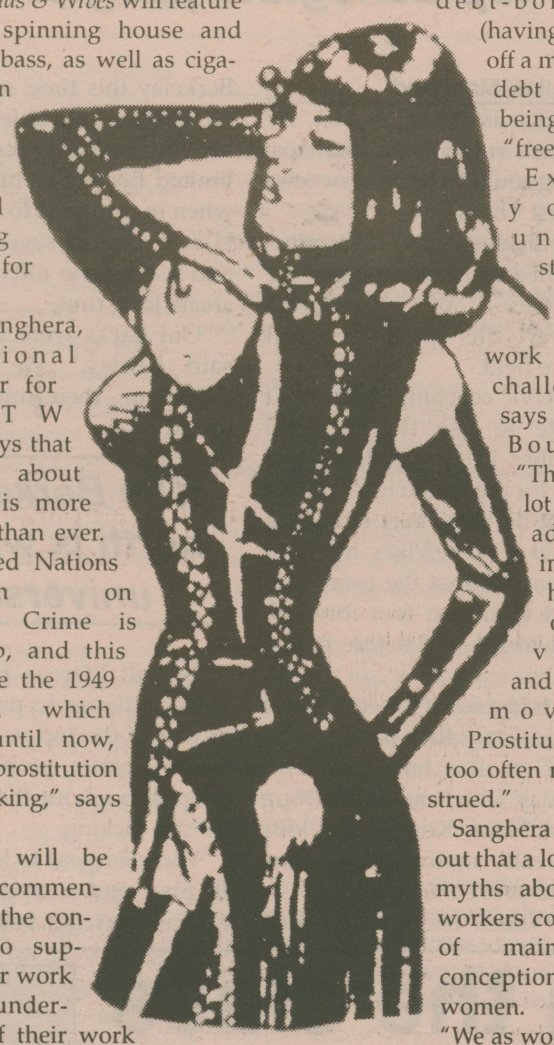
"With my character, I travel through different areas of time because in a sense, history is a gift," explains de Boudoir. "There were many interesting women who were brave in their sexuality and selves, women who defied convention and were compassionate leaders. These are some of the stories I am going to relay."

"I believe in the power of sex and sexuality, and the positive side of it," says de Boudoir. "I base my own politics on the notion that physical or sexual love is empowering, that it sparks a passionate feeling that allows you to explore happiness."

The mixture of sex work and humour might seem like an odd choice, but de Boudoir has a reason for it.

"Humour is overlooked and definitely underused as a political tool," she says. "My use of comedy came out of my days as a stripper and exotic dancer. Essentially it is sometimes ridiculous—dancing around on a huge swing and being topless. You just can't take that sort of thing very seriously."

Apart from Simone de Boudoir, *Whores, Maids & Wives* will feature local DJs spinning house and drum and bass, as well as cigarette girls in bondage gear selling candy cigars and collecting donations for GAATW.



Jyoti Sanghera, international coordinator for GAATW Canada, says that education about sex work is more important than ever. "The United Nations Convention on Organized Crime is coming up, and this will replace the 1949 convention which has, up until now, governed prostitution and trafficking," says Sanghera.

GAATW will be making recommendations to the convention, so support of their work and an understanding of their work is crucial.

Sanghera thinks that educating people through art, performance and dances can be so much more effective than the usual formats.

"Having fun is an important part of living," says Sanghera. "I'm so tired of the dull rhetoric of the 1970s. With humour and art, we can make a statement, instead of spelling out the issues ABC."

"As feminists, we need to look at alternative forms of political action and expression. Lecturing is a very power-imbalanced form of education," Sanghera says. "It creates distance between the 'expert' and those who 'need to be taught.' We need to explore more creative forms of activism."

At the show there will be take-home information on prostitution and the various forms of trafficking, such as coercion (being forced to work against one's will), and debt-bondage (having to pay off a made-up debt before being set "free").

Expect your understanding of sex work to be challenged, says de Boudoir. "There's a lot of false advertising of hookers on television and in movies. Prostitution is too often misconstrued."

Sanghera points out that a lot of the myths about sex workers come out of mainstream conceptions of women.

"We as women all need to be little more bad. We fear being bad. Oh, we're not wholesome, we're not good." says Sanghera.

"If we were all bad girls, then there would be no good and bad!"

Whores, Maids & Wives is happening on Wednesday, April 7 at everybody's favorite venue, Vertigo, located at UVic in the Student Union Building. $6 to get in, doors open at 9pm. Everyone is welcome.

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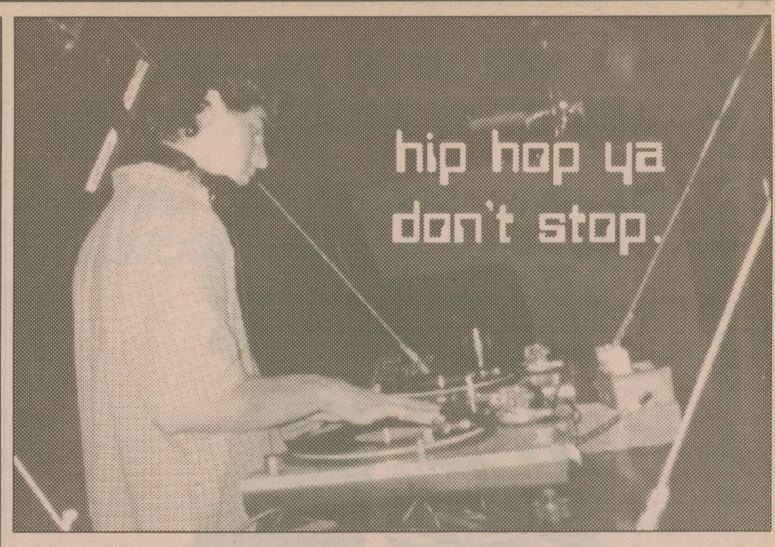

Hip hop for dummies, yo.

by Käthe Lemon

There's a hip hop show downtown on Tuesday night, but Bonez, a UVic DJ, isn't there, he's home nursing a cold and resting up for his show at the Blues house on April 5.

I know less than nothing about hip hop music, however Bonez is a veritable cornucopia of information about his show and his music.

"The show will be a mixture of hip hop, backspinning and scratching," says Bonez.

I scratch my head. I have no idea what he's talking about.

Bonez explains the intricacies of DJing—backspinning involves two turntables with the same record on each. By turning one record back while the other plays the DJ can repeat lyrics and beats.

"With scratching you kind of make it your own music, mixing lyrics and beats hopefully seamlessly," says Bonez.

According to Bonez, there are four aspects to hip hop culture—MCs, DJs, breakdancers and graffiti artists.

"I'm only involved in the one aspect," says Bonez, "and I've still got so far to go with what I want to do with it."

Bonez, whose alter-ego Mike Brescia is a commerce student, also does some promotion of shows.

"I do a little promotion work, but I don't really have time for it during school," he says. "Over the summer I'll be putting on a few shows that are a bit more hip hop oriented."

Lack of time and money, the bane of all student lives, kept Bonez from putting on a larger show during the semester, but he hopes to have more of each during the summer.

"The shows I want to do in the summer will probably involve bigger names," Bonez says. "But this is all I had time for with school and stuff."

He does have plans for integrating his two seemingly opposite lives. In the year 2000, Bonez hopes to open a record and DJ store as a co-op work term.

"There's a fairly large stereotype for commerce students," he says. "I'm not only interested in making money. I try to look beyond it. And there is a lot of culture involved in the music."

But on the other hand, Bonez is very business-like when he talks about booking the show.

"I wanted to do the show at Vertigo," Bonez says. "I was really soured by it considering that Vertigo loses money—I could have guaranteed them a lot of business."

Ironically, the show will take place at the Blues House and will feature Bonez, DJ Armes (also a UVic student) and D-Whiz.

The Triple Feature Attraction show is on April 5, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are $5 in advance and $6 at the door.

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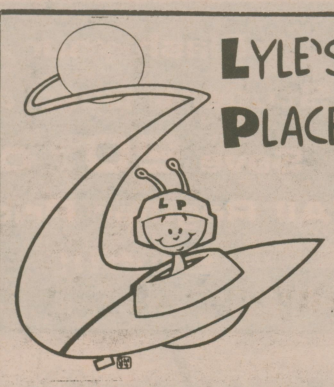

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Poundin' Berkeley

UVic's rugby side moves a step closer to being the top collegiate program in North America

by Walker MacLeod

Revenge is sweet. In fact, for the men's rugby team, perhaps, nothing could have been sweeter than last Thursday.

UVic avenged a 67-23 trouncing with a 43-10 thumping of the University of California Berkeley this past week at Wallace field.

The UVic coaching staff didn't hesitate to use the lopsided December loss to motivate the troops for the rematch. While the score at Berkeley may indicate a blowout over the Vikes, many on the team felt that the team hadn't put their best foot forward. They had led 17-0 before falling apart.

"We had a score to settle," said Vikes assistant Rick Fairley, who served as the head man on Thursday with head coach Doug Tate in Hong Kong. "The kids were really motivated to come out and prove themselves."

The Vikes' backs dominated Berkeley this time around, both on offense and defense. Strong tackling and excellent coverage limited Berkeley's opportunities when in positions to score, while UVic exploited several overlaps and used some nifty passing to create long runs.

"Our backs were very good," said Fairley." We counterattacked on their mistakes very quickly."

Fly half Marcus Bloomestaat, who continues to prove himself as one of the top young players in the country, pinned Berkeley deep throughout the game with precise kicking.

"Our plan was to keep the ball in play, and a couple of times Marcus put the ball in touch," Fairley said. "For the most part, however, he did a good job."

The Vikes coach also singled-out flanker Tim Van Pelt and centre Elliot Anderson for their strong efforts.

The Berkeley team which traveled north is widely regarded as the top university side in the country and, therefore, is an excellent measuring stick for the Vikes. They have several U.S. national team players on their roster, and Fairley didn't hesitate to bill the game as a meeting of the two top collegiate clubs in North America. "They're recognized as the best, and that's what we desperately want to be."

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UVic triathlete tops the class

by Kristi Millar

Things were looking not so positive for Steve Handel a couple of weeks prior to the UBC triathlon, but the resourceful athlete came through.

The UVic triathlete was biking on the highway in the cold, several weeks ago, when he lost feeling in his hands and control of his bike.

"My bike went one way and I went the other," said Handel. "Then a truck ran over my bike."

But Handel borrowed a friend's bike in time for the UBC triathlon, and went on to win his age category and the university championship division in the March 12 event.

"Luckily he has a good bike," joked Handel of the borrowed equipment.

This is his first year training full-time as a triathlete, after competing for two seasons as a UVic varsity rower, and he was obviously pleased with his results in his first race after joining the UVic tri club.

"The UBC triathlon is the first race of the season," said Handel. "I wanted to see where I stood at the beginning of the year, and I had a good performance. I can improve a lot, but it was an excellent start."

UVic tri coach Jonathan Gilman is pleased with Handel's progress as well.

"It was surprisingly good," said Gilman. "We didn't expect Steve to do as well as he did, so he exceeded expectations."

The UBC event, which featured triathletes from across B.C. in various age categories, is considered a sprint triathlon, according to Handel.

The triathletes swam 800 metres in the UBC pool, biked 23 kilometres, then ran another seven kilometres.

Handel finished first in the cycling leg, fourth in the run, and 44th in the swim.

And despite his mediocre finish in the swim event, he was able to win the 23-24 age category and the university championship because of his strength in the other events.

"That's what I like about triathlon," said Handel. "You can be a terrible swimmer like I am but still come out and pick it up in the other events. That's what makes it so exciting."

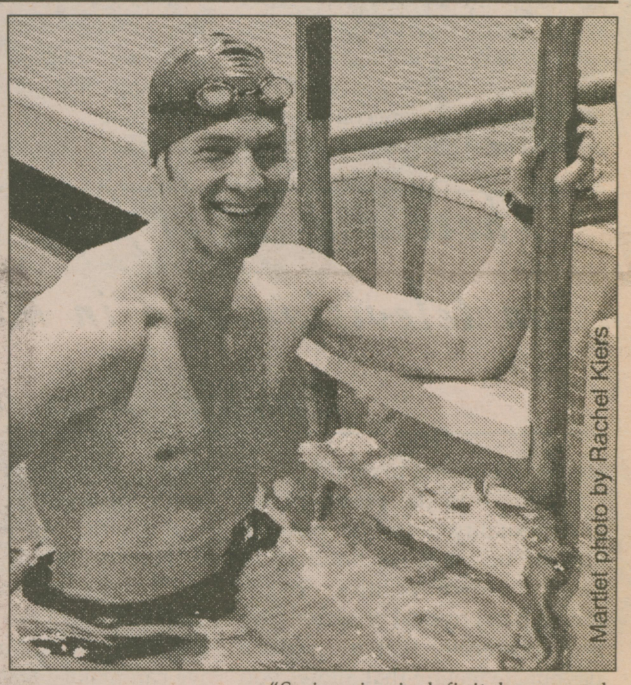
Handel says he began competing in triathlons for the "health aspect."

"I love the way it makes me feel when I'm training," he said.

Handel, who will be graduating from UVic this year with a Bachelor of Science in biology and psychology, plans to continue training seriously in the sport. His current practice regime consists of training six days a week, two times a day for about an hour and a half each time.

His short-term goal is to compete at the half Ironman competition in Victoria this summer. Later he hopes to compete in the full Ironman next summer in Penticton.

But Handel knows he must improve his swimming before entering any Ironman competition, so he is focusing on that particular event this year.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"Swimming is definitely my weak event," he said.

Gilman agrees that the UVic athlete needs to improve his swimming skills, but realizes he's not alone.

"He still has a long way to go in his swimming," said Gilman. "Our club is pretty much a swim club for triathletes. Most people can figure out how to run, and most people know how to bike, but swimming is a mystery for a lot of people."

Handel wasn't the only UVic athlete competing in the UBC triathlon. The UVic club sent over a number of participants and, according to Gilman, everyone raced well and had a good time.

"There's no way Steve would have done nearly as well without having other people to train with," he said. "People think triathlon's an individual sport, but it's not. It wasn't a solitary effort. His result was a result of the whole club."

Gilman started the UVic triathlon club three years ago. The club now has 80 members, but they are always looking for new athletes. A new group for students is being set up for September. Anyone who can "swim a length without drowning" is welcome, according to the coach.

The tri club is hosting the UVic Splash and Dash on Saturday, April 3 as well. All participants are welcome to join the 800 metre swim and five kilometre run event. Entry forms are available at UVic Athletics and Recreation, or from Jonathan Gilman at 477-7323.

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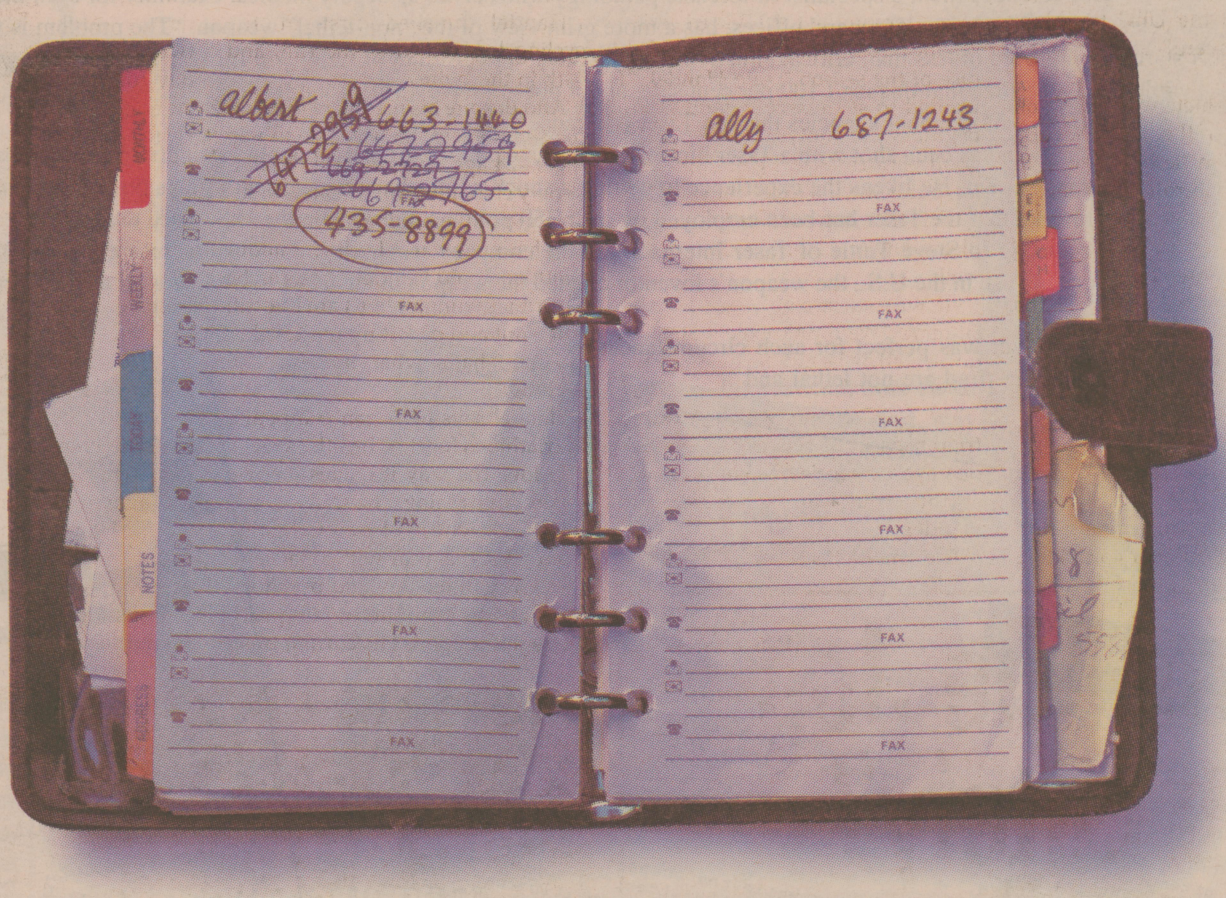

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Taser: Myth

Victoria's foray into new weaponry may shock yo

The police cornered a dangerously violent woman in a Victoria bathroom last month. High on drugs and not responding to pain, she wasn't affected by pepper spray. . She began to threaten suicide and the officers were trying to decide when to go in after her—risking injury to the woman and themselves. She decided for them. The woman burst through the door and rushed the officers with a pair of scissors in her hand. But the officers stopped her cold and were able to handcuff her calmly. With some help from Victoria police's new Taser unit, the incident ended without injury.

According to Sgt. Darren Laur of the Victoria police, the peaceful end to this situation was only realistic because of the Taser, a new weapon his department is test-running. The Taser shoots two electrically charged barbs that catch into the clothing of a subject up to four metres away and deliver a debilitating electrical charge intended to override the brain's message to the muscles, knocking the person to the ground.

"The police officer supervisor said right in his report that if it wasn't for the Taser there could have been dire consequences," said Laur. "They probably would have had to use lethal force in that situation."

With advanced anti-terrorist technology and special permission from the office of the Attorney General, Victoria police don't have to wait until the 24th century for effective weaponry intended to stop a violent subject with less risk of killing them. Similar to Spock and Kirk's phasers-on-stun approach, they can shoot a subject with less risk of seriously injuring them than if they had to draw a gun. The police are testing two new Taser units (short for Tom A. Swift Electric Rifle, its inventor) similar to ones already used by many American policing agencies to detain potentially hostile individuals without causing them bodily harm.

Attention from across the country is focused on Victoria's proposed six-month Taser test period that ends in June 1999. According to Laur, the officer overseeing the test, other departments and agencies across the country may follow Victoria and put the Taser into general use if the test is a success. Laur suggests that the units are being tested in Victoria because the local police and its administration are one of the most progressive in the country. In the six incidents the Taser has been used in Victoria, all have ended without injury. In two of these incidents the sight of the unit alone was enough to calm the individual, and the officers didn't have to fire the barbs.

But Terence Allen, a specialist in forensic pathology who served as deputy medical examiner for both the Los Angeles and San Francisco coroners' offices, has a more grim view of the "non-lethal" weapon. "The problem is when it starts getting used in less than critical situations," said Allen. "In L.A. they'll shoot you for reaching for your wallet. People need to realize that this isn't 100 per cent safe, and it doesn't have a very good track record. As pathologists, we should warn law-enforcement agencies that the Taser can cause death."

Laur, who has been shot with a Taser himself, calls the weapon extremely humane, as it doesn't cause the subject any extended pain. He likens the experience to getting a shock while changing the spark plugs on your lawnmower. Laur estimates that the Taser has been employed by over 350 policing agencies in the U.S. since the 1970s.

According to Steve Tuttle of Taser International, the company responsible for manufacturing and marketing Tasers for private use in the U.S., the weapon's inventor created the weapon in the late 1960s to be used against airplane terrorists.

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UVic Criminologist Daniel Koenig
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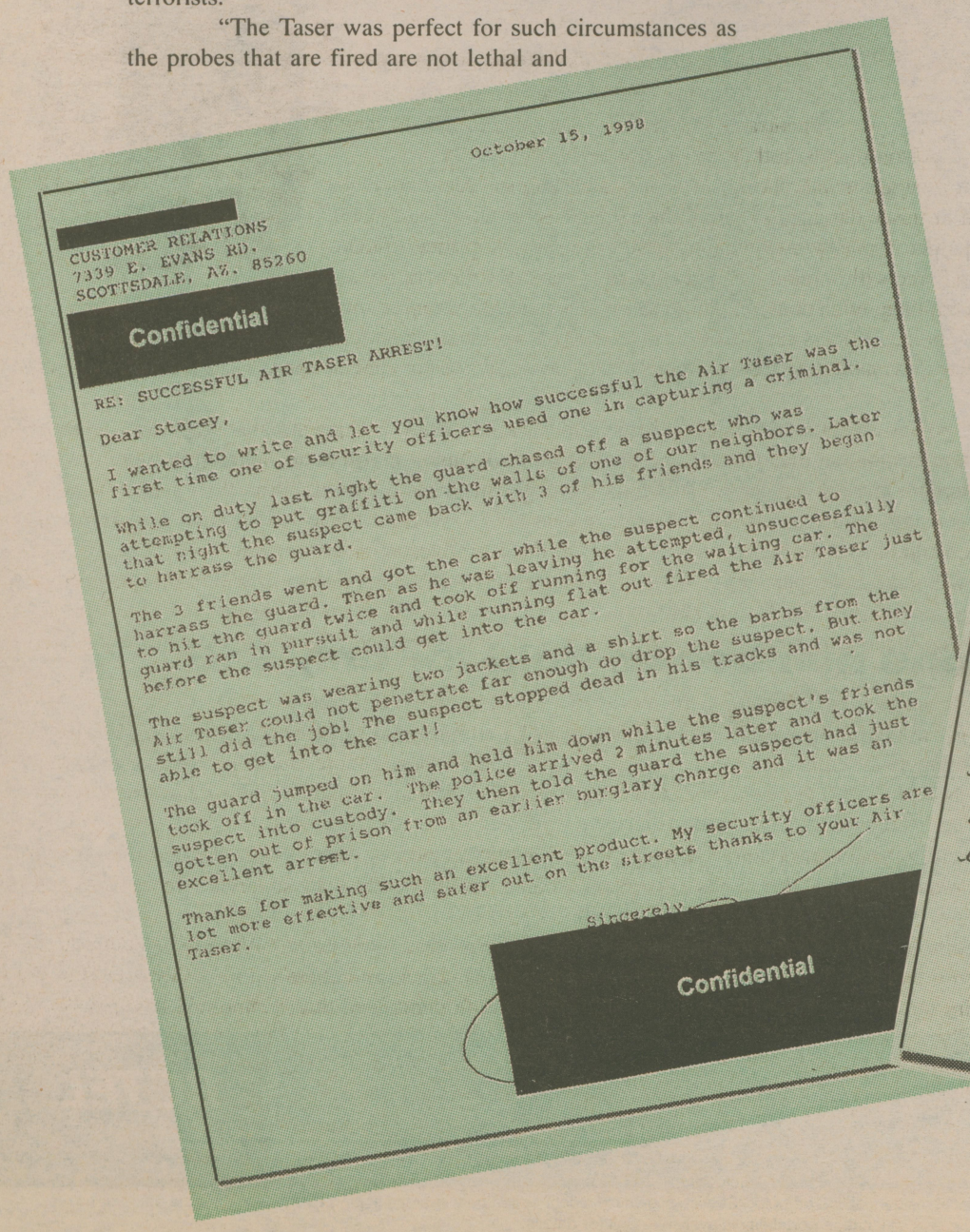
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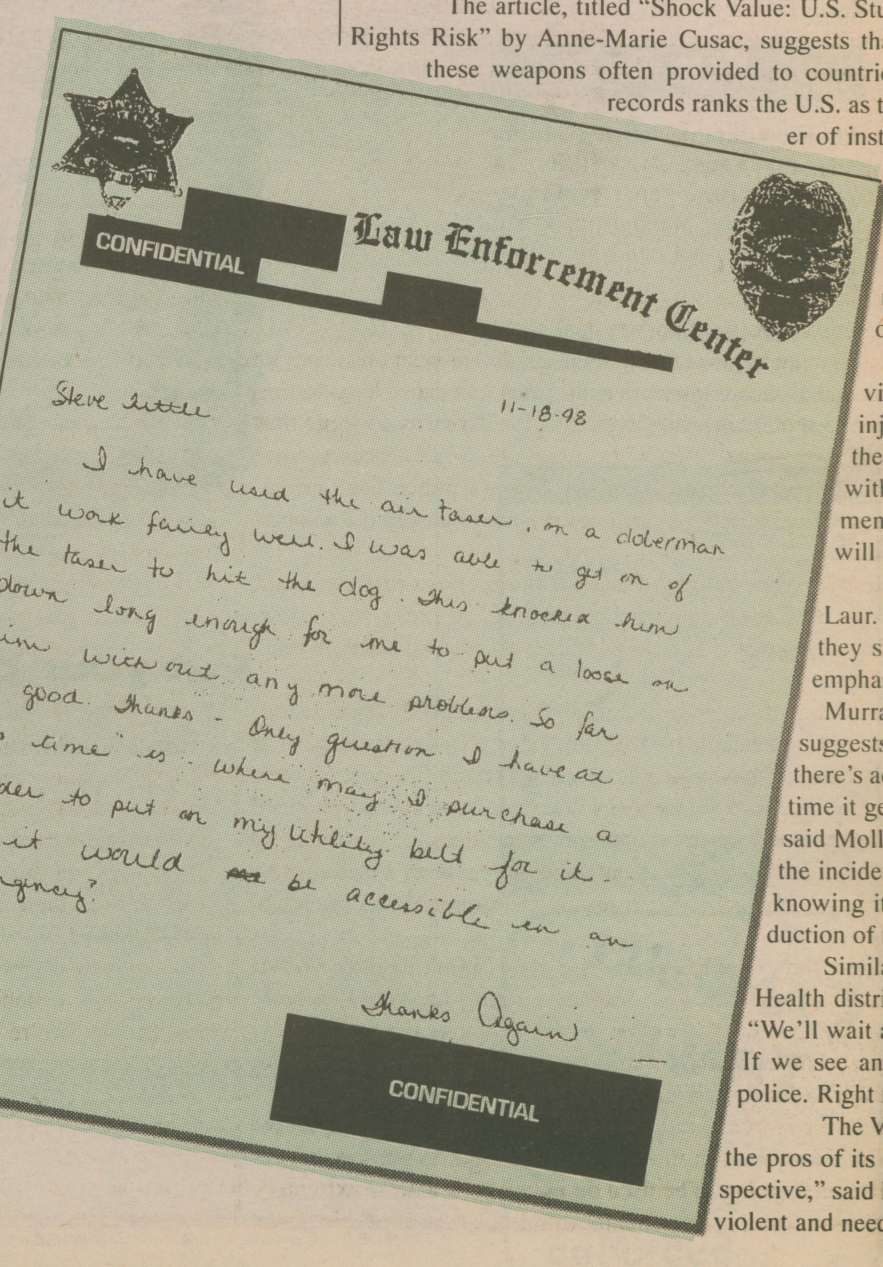
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Thanks Again

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by Darren Stewart

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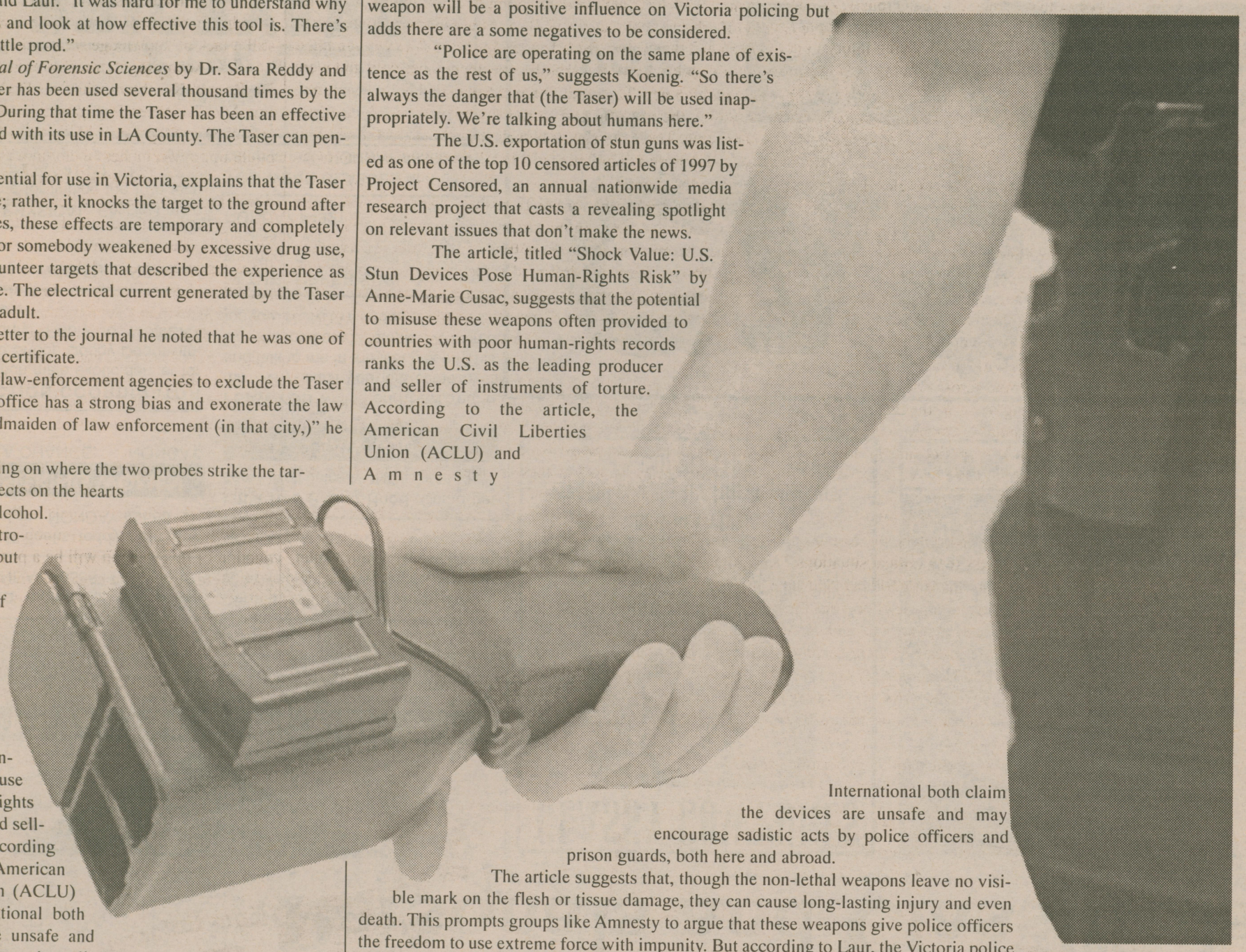

weapon will be a positive influence on Victoria policing but adds there are a some negatives to be considered.

"Police are operating on the same plane of existence as the rest of us," suggests Koenig. "So there's always the danger that (the Taser) will be used inappropriately. We're talking about humans here."

The U.S. exportation of stun guns was listed as one of the top 10 censored articles of 1997 by Project Censored, an annual nationwide media research project that casts a revealing spotlight on relevant issues that don't make the news.

The article, titled "Shock Value: U.S. Stun Devices Pose Human-Rights Risk" by Anne-Marie Cusac, suggests that the potential to misuse these weapons often provided to countries with poor human-rights records ranks the U.S. as the leading producer and seller of instruments of torture. According to the article, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Amnesty International both claim the devices are unsafe and may encourage sadistic acts by police officers and prison guards, both here and abroad.

The article suggests that, though the non-lethal weapons leave no visible mark on the flesh or tissue damage, they can cause long-lasting injury and even death. This prompts groups like Amnesty to argue that these weapons give police officers the freedom to use extreme force with impunity. But according to Laur, the Victoria police have implemented proper training, education and supervision to ensure the weapon will not be misused.

"Any tool we give police officers can be used excessively," said Laur. "If a member uses this tool or any other tool in an excessive manner they should be held criminally and civilly liable for their actions. I can't emphasize that enough."

Murray Mollard, policy director for the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, suggests that their only concern regarding the Taser will be to ensure that there's adequate training for those using it and an accountability process each time it gets used. "And there are these things in terms of citizen complaints," said Mollard. "And the police can set up internal procedures for reporting on the incidents whenever it gets used." Without some longer-term experience in knowing its major effects, Mollard sees no reason to be opposed to the introduction of the weapon.

Similarly, Andrew Hume, spokesperson for the Capital Region Mental Health district in Victoria, suggests that any negative effects are yet to be seen. "We'll wait and see what effects this will have on the mental health community. If we see any negatives we'll certainly be initiating some discussion with the police. Right now we don't know anything about the Taser's possible effects."

The Victoria police are aware of the potential risks the Taser poses and feel the pros of its introduction will outweigh the cons. "You've got to put this in perspective," said Laur. "This unit is going to be used on individuals who're extremely violent and needing to be controlled. Prior to the use of this tool these people could get shot or seriously injured by a baton strike. Nothing's 100 per cent safe. Anything used to control an individual always has the potential to cause injury or death."

Use of the units will be under strict control during the six-month test period. According to Laur, the units will be used when there is a violent individual that needs to be controlled, and it's up to the road supervisor to decide when it will be used.

"Our ultimate goal as a police officer is to solve by voluntary compliance," said Laur. "When we have to physically control somebody who doesn't want to be controlled it gets ugly real quick, and there's no easy way to control those people. We're looking to technology to give us a hand, but we have to understand that technology has its limitations. It's not the cure-all."

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Pointy art kills

Deadly expression at the university

The second installment of UVic's Student Union Building improvement project has ended in tragedy.

On Monday, March 29, two students who were trying to buy bus passes were killed in front of the UVSS info booth when a sculpture crashed to the ground.

"It was horrible," said UVSS info booth employee, Owfer Paid.

SUB employees rushed to the scene but were unable to do anything for the victims, who have not yet been identified.

It is unclear whether or not the UVSS will be charged with manslaughter or if the artist will be charged with willfully creating a monstrosity that caused bodily harm.

The sculpture itself sustained no damage and will be re-hung as soon as it is cleaned.

"This is actually a blessing in disguise," said Morgan-Martha Stewart, director of finances. "The sculpture had some fingerprints and dust on it and needed to be cleaned anyway. This way the UVSS and the students save a chunk of money, and we might even make some from the insurance."

"One thing is for sure," said Anita Zonker, director of decorations. "Next time we'll take Martha's tip and do something with crepe paper and rafia."

—Michael Kissingup

Velveeta, rich and...

Local band is good

It's not every day that a journalist has the honour of interviewing someone like Victoria-based musician Oheyi'm Külа (a.k.a. Kamon the Mon). That's because Külа says he usually refuses any kind of media coverage.

"The people who know us, our fans, they know us. And everyone else can go fuck themselves," says Külа, leader of the band Velveeta, which will soon be featured on MuchMusic.

"Usually I don't do media stuff," Külа said during a press conference March 30. "That's not counting, of course, my coverage in every major newspaper in B.C. But I, as a collective, decided to make an exception for Much because it is on the cutting edge of popular culture."

Külа emphasizes that he is on the cutting edge, or even in front of the cut.

"Our music is not for everyone," Külа says. "It's only for the people who know what's going on. Velveeta is not for people who like '80s night. Not that there's anything wrong with '80s night. It's just that we're superior to that."

Külа is not content to be merely the king of elitist music, later this year he will expand Velveeta into a brand of clothing.

Külа describes Velveeta's line of clothing as neo-deconstructuralist, saying that they are not meant to be functional pieces of apparel, but rather semi-wearable fabric art.

—Wanda Fuca

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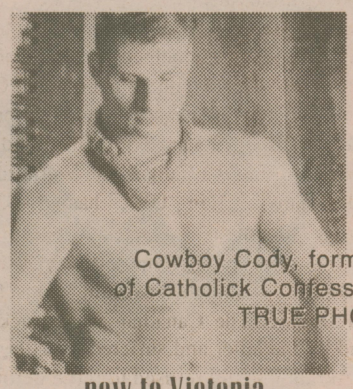

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▲ Man-of-the-Series Jeremy Brooks

For the Commonwealth Under-23 Cricket Development Program it was a loss that will not soon be forgotten. Perhaps the rain will be remembered — which fell from the sky like a saviour for University of Victoria during the second match. Perhaps the Brooks brothers will be the highlighted memory—who combined to collectively lead the visitors in the crease during every inning in the three-match test. But, most likely, the side will be left with only the result. It was, after all, the biggest upset of the decade for their program.

In what some are calling the most significant result in Canadian cricket history, the UVic XIs defeated the Commonwealth Under-23s, 1-0, in a three-match test this past month in England. The contest, which was the opening series in a four-team test tournament, was marked by an unprecedented upset in the first match and unpredictable weather which followed.

First Test

UVic opened at the call of their dynamic captain, Matt Brooks, who then led the inexperienced Canadian side with a whopping 163 in the inning. A brilliant partnership with his younger brother Jeremy was broken early on the second day when the senior was caught out at first slip by South African Daryll Cullinan.

Jeremy would continue to tally 73 not out and lead Victoria to a respectable 389 total after a day and a half at bat.

Matt Brooks did the damage again in the second innings with 90 more, but again it was Jeremy who carried the Canadians to their total of 295 with a 65 not out. After the World had struck for 311 behind Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar and the West Indies' Brian Lara, 295 was a fair total for Victoria, who left their opponents chasing 373 with just over a day to play.

The World, who entered the final afternoon at 41 without a loss, jumped out at an amazing pace behind Australia's Steve Waugh. When he fell for their fourth wicket at 212, it was Lara and Cullinan who took over the chase.

The two players batted brilliantly after lunch and ran the score to 321 before Lara was caught by the 'keeper, Benji Brooks—the third and youngest of the Canadian brothers.

It took little time to retire Britain's Mark Ramprakash before the day's biggest loss occurred a mere 11 runs away from the World's target. Cullinan was called leg before off of a beautifully placed ball from Canadian spinner Ben Kerr.

Shaun Pollock fell in the next over at 362 as well, to the shock of over 10,500 Lords' spectators, and before the World could catch their breath, veteran Wasim Akram was bowled by the senior Brooks. This left bowling specialists Shane Warne and Allan Donald to find 10 runs. But they couldn't.

Donald was nicked by Rich Brambley and caught behind for a duck at 368, which gave the visitors an amazing five-run win and sparked a deserving victory celebration on one of the world's most storied grounds. Add another chapter.

Second Test

The second test at Old Trafford was a different story. The World won the toss and took it to the Canadians early, pounding out 541 for 4 by lunch on the second day before they declared.

Nindiana Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid combined for 290. Dravid's 181 not out was an emphatic statement by a World side who had lost the favour of the crowd and media in England.

Matt Brooks lasted only five balls and was caught leg before by Donald in Victoria's first innings, which left the weak batting side at 23 for 2. Dave Hannah muscled three sixes out of the park before having his day end at a premature 21 by Pollock, and Jeremy Brooks looked uncomfortable at batting fifth, being bowled by Donald after a disappointing three runs.

But gutsy performances by underrated Andrew Grover and Chris Newsome helped Victoria reach past 200 to 209. Newsome finished with 27 not out and Grover was eventually run out at 34 by a brilliant Ramprakash throw from boundary. Spinner Lance Schmidt could only manage five.

Again behind the Indians, the World raced to 151 for two and declared, leaving UVic chasing 483 with a day and a quarter remaining.

Schmidt was brought in by Brooks as the night watchman and did a brilliant job at twilight against fast bowlers Arkam and Donald. The Canadian was struck repeatedly in the head by the latter and suffered cracked ribs when bounced by Akram but still refused to retire before stumps.

Early on the final day the rain came, and to the dissatisfaction of the World team it stayed. Play resumed late in the afternoon, which still gave the favourites hope for a win, but a great partnership between Benji Brooks and Brambley turned the tables again.

Brambley was finally bowled by Donald at 43, and Brooks was put down at 52 by Akram, but little time was left to capture the final seven Canadian wickets. The senior Brooks spent the rest of the day blocking and still reached 49, but quick wickets to Hannah, Kerr and Jeff Rea made the result interesting.

Still, first-year phenomenon Conor Seabrook confidently came in and closed the deal for UVic by scoring six and more importantly ending not out. UVic was happy with the draw as darkness set in, and the umpires made a unanimous decision to call an end to the match.

The final test which was scheduled to take place at Trent Bridge was called off on the third day due to fog, which made the test upset official.

Jeremy Brooks was named Man-of-the-Series for his brilliant batting and bowling performance in the first match. He finished the series with an 81.00 batting average and a 17.34 bowling average.

In short, every UVic athlete came through with the exception of one; Rea played extremely poorly, as usual, and undoubtedly was selected by Brooks because of a long - tanding friendship. At Lords', however, he hurt the team only mildly.

Victoria now awaits the result of the third test between Holland and Kenya to see who they will meet in the tournament's final. Kenya took the opening match and drew the second, which makes them the favourite to advance to the finals which begin April 23 at Southampton.

—W.C. Grace

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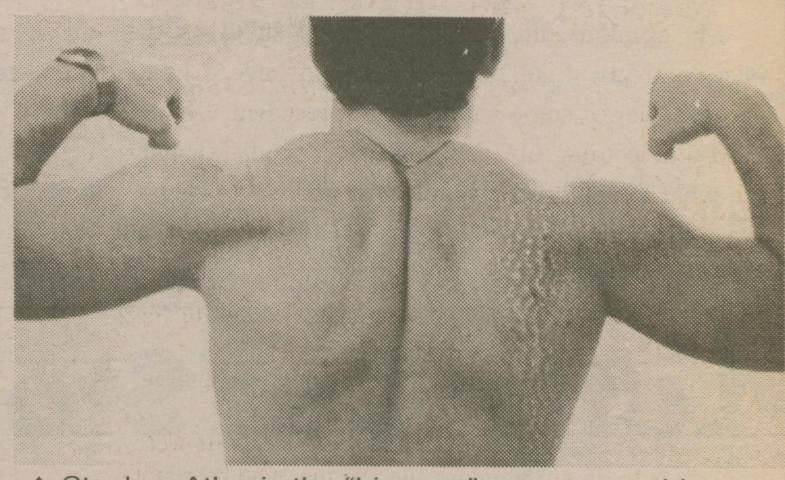

▲ Stephan Atlas is the "big man" on campus this year

100% beef

Stephan Atlas is larger than most compact cars. He stands 6'4" barefoot and weighs 295 pounds, carrying less than one per cent body fat. He has to turn sideways to walk through doorways. But the third-year UVic student/athlete is still nearly impossible to catch for an interview, even with Victoria's only alternative news, entertainment and SPORTS weekly.

This is really no surprise. Featured in the recent "On the Horizon" issue of the *World BodyBuilder*, Atlas was labeled, "a cross between Affleck and Schwarzenegger—the prettiest man in the sport today."

The 21-year-old Canadian was born into the role as captain of the UVic body-builders' team. His father had been the top-ranked power lifter in the world for five years in the 1970s and started Stephan on a workout schedule when he was six years old to follow in his footsteps. But, as early as 15, Stephan had other plans for his future.

"I just had to look in the mirror," said Atlas, running his fingers up his tummy like a washboard. "I mean, how could I let all this go to waste?"

In 1996, he responded to UVic coach Ted Hyde's recruiting letters and moved to Victoria. He soon created a name for the two-year-old program, helping UVic earn the overall team award at the CIAU national championships with a win as best male body-builder and a $17,868 scholarship for "best pecks". And now, with the CIAU conquered at only 18, Atlas set his sights on the world.

The 1997-1998 season was supposed to be his international break-out year but was cut short by controversy. Atlas was disqualified for illegal substance abuse at the first event of the year, the Mr. Canuck Classic—an event in which judges said Atlas was among the top 10 competitors, despite the fact that he took three steroid injections a day.

"So what? So I took some steroids," said Atlas, whose nickname is "Battlin' Atlas". "They're just jealous."

With the disqualification, Atlas was banned from all competition for the rest of the season. During the break, he trained 12 hours a day, dropping the steroids for caffeine pills, weight-gain milkshakes and "pure machismo."

"All natural is the way to go."

His "drug-free" approach to bodybuilding has paid off throughout the early portion of this season, landing him at 17th place on the world rankings chart after only four events.

Analysts say he could be higher on the ladder if it wasn't for a poor showing in his first event. Atlas finished 43 out of 50 entrants at the Mr. Total Package Challenge due to weak presentation.

"It was tough finding a style not hopped up on 'roids. I didn't know where my motivation was coming from."

But Atlas discovered before the second event on the circuit that his presence was locked inside the music of boy groups.

"I've got no problems strutting if Backstreet's playing. 'I got it goin on.'"

He gained momentum with 21st at that second event, the Bovine Classic, on his way to a shocking bronze-medal finish at the prestigious Mr. Man event in Los Angeles. And with eighth-place at the Fetish Challenge in March, Atlas solidified himself as a contender earning him high regards from the press and the body-building faithful.

According to Atlas, even "the ladies" wait for him outside his training facility after his twice-daily workouts.

"Dude, chicks love me."

Not surprisingly, he lists "Pamela Anderson Lee" as his future goal.

But right now, Atlas has his sights set on top-ranked bodybuilder Walker Rea and the Mr. Olympia event in Las Vegas in early October, where he plans to "outlift, outgrunt and outweigh those little dudes with too much attitude."

—Craig Battleaxe

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Here's my opinion

I got something to say and here it is.

VIEW POINT

By ROSS CROCKPOT

I speak my mind around this place. Newspapers are about insight and opinion and forethought. That's why I write a column every single week. I'm the editor. I set the tone.

My opinions, they count. Like my stand on the Nisga'a treaty. Like how we have to have a treaty because there's some sort of legal precedent. I had a hard time coming up with that one. Nobody is telling me what to say around here. What about that viagra? Wasn't Bob Dole on T.V. last week? Dole the pole. Dole with the fishing pole. Down by the river. Speaking of areas where I have a distinct opinion... in this fair city we have ample arts and entertainment. Check the calendar section. Okay, so I am the kind of guy who likes Townhouse tomato soup. I am the kind of guy who likes unsalted rice cakes. So I only wear beige. That doesn't mean I'm not spicy. No one can tell me what to do. Here's another great opinion. I just thought of it. What's with that god damn arena deal? I've been hearing about it for a long time. It's been going on a long time. It's a deal, it's not a deal. What kind of deal is that? But don't worry, at *Nonday*, if it is a bad deal, we'll squeal. See I got plenty of opinions. Like technology. I think the internet will change society. Yeah, one day it will be just like the Jetsons. Vrrroom, vroom, vrooom. Love those flying cars. See, I've been spending time thinking. Oh, woah, slow down. I feel another insight coming on. What about those hand-pandlers. Like, why don't we leave them alone. Ignore 'em. What about the Texas pan handle? I guess if a pot has a handle it is a pan. And I am Ross Crockpot the man. Yeah. To quote Judi Tuesday, "That's my opinion. What's yours?"

Let's Get Stoned

Not all weeds are bad

NATURE WILD SIDE

By BRITTANY PENCIL

Buried in the depths of large tracts of crown land lie secret gardens. These gardens are so secret that shotguns and large dogs with even larger teeth protect their contents from prying eyes and sticky fingers. All it takes is one aerial photo, and the gig is up: a cannabis sativa crop standing innocently, swaying gently in the breeze, surrounded on all sides by majestic Douglas Fir trees.

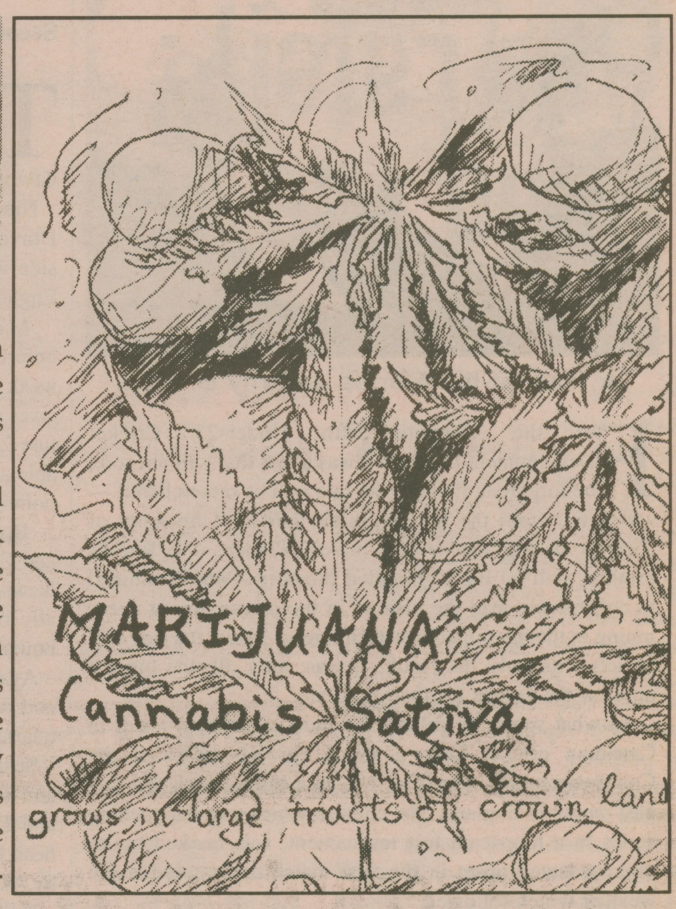
I spoke to one of these clandestine hemp farmers in a Tofino coffee shop on a rainy Saturday afternoon. Only 10 years ago, Bud Jimson was the son of a prosperous wheat farmer in Manitoba. A weekend of house parties on a trip to Vancouver Island convinced him that hemp growing was the future. Bud described his conversations about the uses of hemp with partners obscured by the sweet smoky haze of the room. The recreational uses of the plant were also attractive, making the decision to cancel his Wheat Pool membership and move west that much simpler.

Sipping dark roast coffee and nibbling on a cinnamon bun, Bud recounted the history of cannabis hemp in Canada. Cannabis hemp was among the first crops sown by a European on Canadian soil, harvested by Louis Hebert, a succesful Parisian apothecary lured to Canada by his good friend and explorer Samuel de Champlain.

In the 1600s huge amounts of hemp were needed by the European naval powers to dress their warships, merchants and naval fleets. A tour of U.S.S. Constitution, an 18th Century ship, would see pennants, flags, maps, Bibles and rope made from the fibrous material. The hemp was spun and woven as lovingly as a lady of the court would care for her tresses, brushing them carefully and plaiting them before falling into slumber.

Bud talks about the decline in hemp use throughout the 1800s with reverence and awe, as one would speak of a long dead relative whom you never met but whose legend you committed to heart. Trees replaced cannabis hemp in paper production while the belching steam engine minimized the need for hemp canvas sails in the navy.

But his eyes regained their twinkle when talk turned to the start of the world drug trade. The story about the Opium Narcotic Act of 1908 elicits giggles from Bud as he comments on the insanity of banning all illicit drugs just to keep the Chinese immigrants in their place. With a sly smile he says, "Racism is no reason to keep the people from having a good time, or making long-lasting paper and clothes, or treating ailments."



It made me wonder whether his fascination with cannabis could have anything to do with the fact that his mother, while pregnant with young Bud, participated in the 1971 smoke-in in "Grasstown" (Gastown). When the event was stormed by the police, Bud's mum gave birth prematurely, wrapping her babe in giant rolling papers that flapped in the wind like the hemp sails of yore.

Whatever the reason, I have a feeling Bud Jimson won't rest until legislation preventing the distribution of hemp farm licenses goes "up in smoke."

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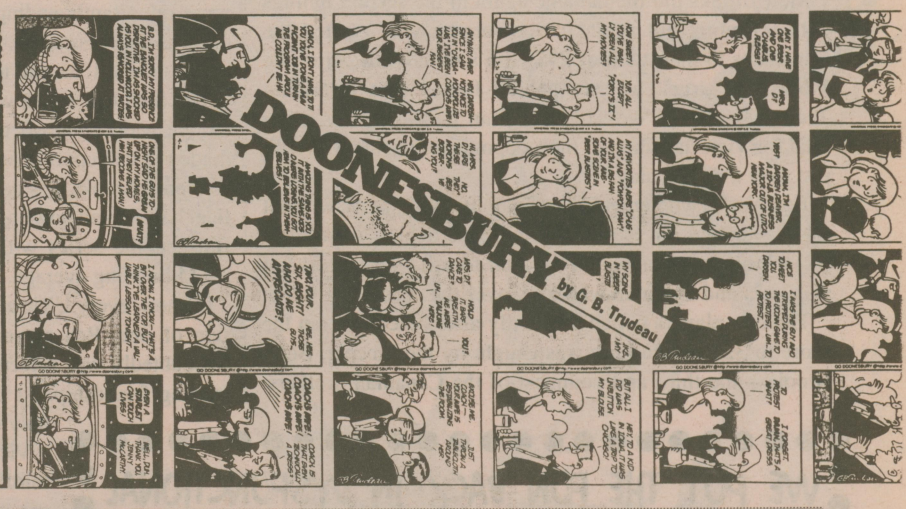

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Communications Officer
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GOODBYE JUDI TUESDAY

Hi. I am Judi. I have a new job. A real good job. A job I like. A job I will be good at. Not like my other job (not that job silly). My job at the T.V. The job where I was good. The job were I was fired. The job that made me sad. You must know my husband. He's a natural born leader. Not like his other job (the job I screwed him out of). He's good at his job. I'd like him to get a better one. He's really gonna get it.

I've got just one question. And I want just one answer: just one mind you. What the fuck is nepotism?

Judi (with a heart on top of the i)

I SHOP THEREFORE I AM

I am your friendly student chairperson. Kudos to the government. I've really warmed up to the freeze. Not to mention the NDP government. "The party" will take me—I mean— this province, a long way. We Phlemings have contributed a lot to this world. Sir Stanford Phleming created standard time. Ian Phleming gave us the wonderful, hilarious, talented, debonair Double-O-7 and some other Phleming guy found penicillin, curing countless students of syphilis. Just think of what I'll do when I am king.

Robby Phleming

GET THIS GUY SOME HELP

Something in the water. Must not drink water. The water board is trying to poison me. Must buy bottled water from *Nonday* advertisers. Someone trying to kill moths. I like moths. I am a moth. Moth, moth, moth. Arena deal in my dreams. I dream I am the mayor Mr. Cross, and I am eating meat, raw meat. And I am eating raw meat in front of pan handlers. Down with the pan handlers. Down, down, down. Viva cigarettes. Free the cigarettes. Smoke. Must smoke.

Ima Kook

LARRY, CURLY AND MO

I don't kill wolves. Lets get that straight right off the bat. I do ski. Let me tell ya about that because it's all within the bounds of conflict of interest rules. I was checkin' out a hill. Then I thinks I'd try meself some complimentary skiing. And later I gets me a little complimentary room in a complimentary lodge. Then I take a peak at the complimentary sex channel on the complimentary satellite T.V. and in walks what I'll call a complimentary chamber maid and points in the direction of the complimentary mini-bar. A complimentary good time was had by all. So you can raid my house, you can stick my face on the six o'clock "noose", you can shriek and holler but it all fits within the bounds of conflict-of-interest rules.

Mo-Ho Sita

THIS MAN SMOKES TOO MUCH

Greetings friends and left-wing maverick social radicals. Like it's cosmic isn't it? Yes the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter has aligned with Mars, and peas will guide the planet and just gimme a minute and I'll tell you what its really all about. I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want. I wanna, I wanna, I wanna.

Ean Hunnter

A STRONG VOICE

I feel compelled to write you a letter because of that darn Rusty Frances. That Rusty Frances. I'm telling ya. He got some information about me and then he twisted it all around so it looked inaccurate. I mean, sure, it's true. I did get a new office this year. Darn right, and I deserve it. Rusty asked us for some numbers. So we gave them to him. Then he took them totally out of context. The numbers are right, but the opinions are all wrong. That's the way it goes in journalism, I suppose, but I thought *Nonday* was above all that.

David Straung
University of Victoria

Rusty Frances responds: Well, I talked to you three years ago, and this was indeed the case back then. The numbers are right, so what's your beef? By the way, where is the beef? If you don't like those numbers, then you should have given me different ones. That's the way it goes, you know. Unfortunately you don't say what exactly was "inaccurate" in my article. But your points are well taken. The next time I'm writing an article, maybe I'll call you for a comment. But maybe not. We'll see. Well, I gotta go. The arena deal's calling my name.

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SMOKEWATCH

One Victoria man who has collected over 50 smoking fines now owes city hall $20,000.

Crusty Canker, who has been smoking two packs of cigarettes a day for the last 30 years, appealed to city hall last week when he received a notice in the mail informing him of his fine.

"What's a guy supposed to do?" Crusty asked. "I've been smoking almost my whole life, and now they tell me I can't have a ciggy with my coffee."

The bylaw, which is enforced by bylaw enforcement officers and punishable by a fine that increases with each offense, was passed to protect the lungs of service workers.

"There's no way in hell he'll get off," said Joy Merciless of city hall. "He deserves everything he gets. Too bloody bad if he's addicted."

But Canker isn't on his own in this battle.

Brewster Bigbucks, executive secretary to the executive secretary of the vice CEO of the Phillip Morris Co., has announced that his corporation will do everything in its power to get Canker off the hook.

"All of a sudden everyone is on this kick that smoking is bad for you," said Bigbucks. "Smoking is the very vein of society. It not only represents individuality and freedom, but it also says, 'Hey man, I'm really cool.'"

Canker will go to civil court with Phillip Morris lawyers by his side next week.

CITY CLIPS

ARENA DEAL DEATHWATCH

Bob Cross. I like to write about Bob Cross.

I don't like the arena, and I don't like Bob. I know how to file Freedom of Information requests, and then I get them back, and then I publish the results in my column. It's OK if there's other news going on in the city to write about. It can wait. I like Bob, and I like the arena, and I have every right to write about it every week if I want to.

So I get the Freedom of Information request back, and it gives me some information. This information is all I need. Then I write about it and make judgements on it and wait for angry letters to pour in from the people I write about. Then my editor lets me respond to the letter in next week's paper, but first, I check my mailbox to see if the results of any of my other FOI requests have come back. The arena comes first. Then I think about Bob.

Then I tell people what I think and what I think they think. And then I wait for more letters.

Journalism is hard work. I try to interview UVic president David Strong at least once every three years so that I can write about his salary. Then, when I can't find anything new about the arena to get angry about, I take it out on David Strong. I say, you jerk! You jerk, you make lots of money! How dare you be the president of the university of my city!

Then I phone up David Pisant and see what's new with the arena deal. Or else I go back into my files and find a new reason to say the arena deal is going to die and some way to show that city manager Don Roughley is a big jerky.

I like my job. Being a columnist with *Nonday* is what I do. I get vital information to people, information they could not live without, information that makes them realize how unfair the whole money situation is. Arena schmarena, that's what I say, and everybody's the enemy. It's my job to tell it like it is. Yep. That's my job. It's been my job for a long, long time.

—Rusty Francis

From inside Ring Road...

- Everyone hates Penny Codfish.
- Xerox has plans to take over the UVic campus. Meetings with administration are underway.
- Robby Phleming may not be able to fulfill his full term as director-at-large of the UVic students' society next year.
- Morgie Spewart is planning on joining the Liberal Party.

Beyond our small, petty, little universe...

- Elizabeth Kul recently hosted a party at the Oak Bay Reach Motel with a Viking theme. Many politicos spotted sporting funny hats.
- Kimmy Kambel's house in West Hollywood soon to be site of a fundraiser for the University of Victoria.

The above are pure and possibly completely untrue rumours.

More red wrigglers for washrooms

Victoria's city council has approved a new, environmentally friendly initiative to cut down on public washroom waste in the downtown core. Worm composters will be added to city washrooms to cut down on pubic waste, which council hopes will help restore Victoria's image as a "green" city to tourists offended by the city's latest anti-panhandlers initiative.

Three UVic students wearing GoreTex jackets and carrying backpacks with plastic mugs hanging off their bottoms made a presentation to council last Thursday on how to increase environmental initiatives in pubic spaces. The result is a comprehensive new worm composting program for used toilet paper in all washrooms.

"Used toilet paper is one of the worst parts of Victoria," said Jenni Dander, a third-year environmental studies major. "That, and the fact our city throws its sewage directly into the ocean. We want to change all that with our innovative new idea."

A small wooden box full of red wriggler worms will be placed in each public washroom stall next to the toilet dispenser. Then, instead of throwing their used paper down the pipes, citizens and tourists can give it to the worms to decompose.

Compost from the boxes will then be used in downtown flower beds. Any leftovers will be trucked out to Butchart Gardens.

"This initiative is perfect for all of us," said Mayor Bobble Cross. "No one can call us polluters because of it. It's really the worms who win."

But several environmental watchdog groups are calling the new initiative a front. They say the amount of chlorine used in the local toilet water supply negates any new environmental initiative in the bathroom.

Ted Wrigley, chair of Less Cows Now, a local environmental group dedicated to decreasing toxic cow waste in the CRD, said the worms are a definite no-no.

"We have so much work to do cleaning up Victoria's act in places where it's gone astray," he said.

Wrigley said if there's anything that should be used to eat used toilet paper, it should be gypsy moths: "We're looking to get rid of them anyway. We might as well put them to work for us."

The wooden boxes, made with local wood from the Garry oaks that were recently cut down to make way for Langford's Costco, will be introduced to local washrooms later this month. To supplement the initiative, city workers are developing a pamphlet on high-gloss paper on how to use the worm composters, which will be delivered to local residents from the same airplanes that are spraying Victoria with pesticides to eradicate the gypsy moths.

—Jenny Marzipan

Dog goes straight for Cross' meat

It was "teeth" he wanted, and it was teeth he got. Victoria Mayor Bobble Cross was bit in the ass last week while crossing the street at Yates and Douglas by a stray German shepherd that has been wandering downtown for months. This only weeks after Cross asked for more "teeth" in a few of the city's bylaws.

"I think the dog smelled raw meat on [Cross]," said Dr. Lickalot, of the Royal Jubilee emergency room, who sewed Cross' ass up with 15 stitches Saturday evening.

Cross has said that the Victoria Code of Conduct which asks street people to respect the city's important tourists by not harassing them for money, needed more "teeth." He also called for more "teeth" regarding council's in-camera meetings, a bylaw that regulates meetings held behind doors.

"Cross was just crossing the street," said one witness who asked to remain anonymous for fear that Cross might bite her in the ass, "and this dog jumped out and bit him, bit him right in the ass!"

Smug Dickardson of the Victoria city police suspects that the German shepherd, who apparently goes by the name of Nemesis, belonged to an American family who were visiting Victoria at the height of last summer's tourist season.

"The dog was obese," commented Dickardson. "He consumed everything in sight, and I'm not surprised he bit someone in the ass. Right in the ass."

Cross, who was unavailable for comment, will be taking a time-out until his ass heals.

The irony of the fact that it was a tourist dog who bit Cross in the ass, the very species Cross is working his ass off to protect, was not lost on Dickardson.

"I just don't get it," he said. "Cross works so hard to protect tourists. He cleans up our streets for them, he gets rid of the riff-raff. Why would this dog want to bite him in the ass? Right in the ass?"

—Jenny Marzipan

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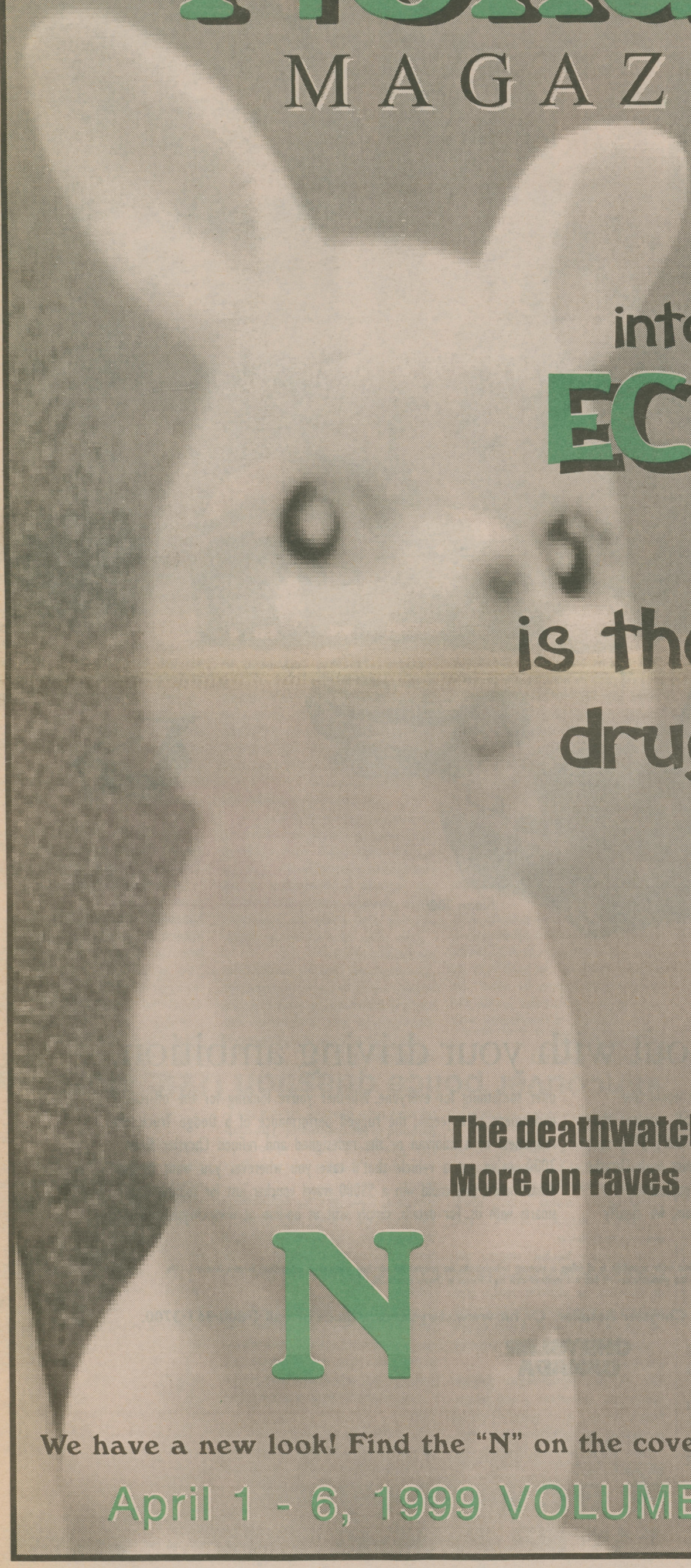

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